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Commissioner for Patents POB 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response set by the 5 November 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application under 37 CFR §1.136. Submitted herewith is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the Petition fee. Please charge any actual shortage in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case 500.39147X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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